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1. FISHERY TEAM MET ON AUGUST 1, 1975, WITH ROC DELEGATION HEADED BY C.C. YANG, VICE MINISTER, MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND COMPOSED OF FOREIGN MINISTRY, FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL OFFICIALS. DISCUSSIONS COVERED NORTH PACIFIC SALMON, CRAB, HALIBUT AND GROUND FISH FISHERY PROBLEMS.

2. TEAM WAS INFORMED BY VICE MINISTER THAT TAI CHANG NO. 1 HAD BEEN ORDERED TO CEASE SALMON FISHING AND WAS SCHEDULED TO DEPART BERING SEA JULY 31 TO RETURN TO PORT. TEAM
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ASSURED THAT PROVINCIAL LICENSE TO USE GILLNETS WOULD

BE WITHDRAWN UPON VESSEL RETURN TO PORT. VESSEL EXPECTED TO REMAIN IN NORTH PACIFIC TRAWL FISHERY. TEAM WAS ASSURED NO FURTHER GILLNET LICENSES WILL BE ISSUED AND ROC VESSELS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO FISH FOR SALMON.

3. TEAM REVIEWED GENERAL PRINCIPLES AND RESTRICTIONS AND IMPLICATIONS PASSAGE OF 200 MILE FISHERY ZONE LEGISLATION. COPIES AGREEMENTS PROVIDED FOREIGN MINISTRY, MIN. OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, AND PROVINCIAL REPS.

4. ROC REPS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN VARIOUS RESTRICTIONS PLACED ON FOREIGN FISHING OFF U.S. COASTS AND POSSIBILITY EXPANSION OF ROC TRAWL FISHERY IN NORTH PACIFIC. TEAM INDICATED MAJOR RESOURCES NOW OVER EXPLOITED OR NEAR MAXIMUM LEVEL OF EXPLOITATION. PROBLEM OF INCIDENTAL CATCH OF HALIBUT AND CRAB WAS REVIEWED BY TEAM. ROC REPS INDICATED THEY HAD NO PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE OF VARIOUS RESTRICTIONS PRESENTED BY TEAM BUT SAATED ROC VESSELS WOULD RESPECT SUCH RESTRICTIONS IN FUTURE. YANG REPEATED NEED FOR ROC TO EXPAND TRAWL FISHERY TO NORTH PACIFIC TO MAINTAIN PRODUCTION OF FISH TO FEED NATION. ROC DEL INDICATED THEY NOW HAVE FOUR TRAWLERS CAPABLE FISHING NORTH PACIFIC AND HOPE TO EXPAND TRAWL OPERATION TO TEN VESSELS AND ESTIMATED CATCH OF 100,000 TONS ANNUALLY. AT SAME TIME VICE MINISTRY STRESSED LONG-STANDING FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES AND DESIRE TO COOPERATE WITH U.S. ON FISHERY PROBLEMS. ROC DEL ALSO PRESSED TEAM ON MATTER OF REACHING BILATERAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN USG AND ROC. TEAM INDICATED SUCH NEGOTIATIONS NOT POSSIBLE IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE DUE TO HEAVY SCHEDULE U.S. FISHERY NEGOTIATIONS.

5. ROC DEL RAISED QUESTIION ON POSSIBLE ENTRY TO BLACK COD LONG LINE FISHERY. SPECIFICALLY, DEL INDICATED INTENTION TO PLACE TEN VESSELS IN BLACK COD FISHERY, OR TO OPERATE ON SAME LEVEL AS REPUBLIC OF KOREA. TEAM POINTED OUT STATUS OF RESOURCES IS NOT GOOD GENERALLY AND THAT ADDED RESOURCE RESEARCH UNCLASSIFIED

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NECESSARY. ROC DEL APPARENTLY UNIMPRESSED WITH TEAM AARGUMENTS.

6. IN REPLY TO ROC REQUEST FOR ALLOCATION OF CATCH QUOTA FOR TRAWL FISHERY TEAM INDICATED THIS NOT POSSIBLE AT THIS TIME. TEAM INDICATED FURTHER THAT USG WOULD TRY TO BE FAIR TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION IN ALLOCATION OF CATCH QUOTAS. AT

SAME TIME TEAM EMPHASIZED USG CANNOT, AT THIS TIME, GIVE SANCTION TO ANY INCREASE IN ROC NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY, AND THAT ROC SHOULD RECOGNIZE THAT THE USG MAY INSIST UPON REDUCTION PLANNED ROC EXPANDED FISHERY IN EVENT OF FUTURE US-ROC NEGOTIATIONS.

7. IN SUMMARY, VICE MINISTRY ASSURED TEAM SALMON FISHING WOULD CEASE, GILLNET LICENSE WOULD BE WITHDRAWN FROM TAI CHANG NO. 1, NO FURTHER GILLNET LICENSES WOULD NOT BE ISSUED, HALIBUT AND CSFR WILL NOT BE RETAINED BY ROC VESSELS. VICE MINISTER REQUESTED USG CONSIDERATION FOR DEVELOPING ROC TRAWL FISHERY AND BLACK COD LONGLINE FISHERY. HE FURTHER STATED ROC VESSELS WOULD RESPECT REGULATIONS PLACED ON OTHER FOREIGN FISHERIES WHEN INFORMED BY USG OF SUCH RESTRCTIONS.

8. AFTERNOON OF AUG. 1 UTILIZED IN REVIEWING VARIOUS RESTRICTIONS PLACED ON FOREIGN FLEETS IN NORTH PACIFIC. DETAILS ALL AGREEMENTS, CSFR REGULATIONS AND OTHER TECHNICAL MATTERS DISCUSSED IN DETAIL.

9. THROUGHOUT MEETINGS DISCUSSIONS CONDUCTED IN MOST FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE. EMBASSY ECON CONS. KYLE AND SCIATT CLARK ATTENDED MORNING DISCUSSIONS.

10. TEAM DEPARTING TOKYO ENROUTE JUNEAU AUGUST FOUR. ETA JUNEAU 1315 AUGUST FOUR ALASKAN AIRLINES FLT 62. SHOESMITH

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